

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) ~~Limb~~ A limb protection assembly, ~~in particular a portion which forms an upper of a motorcycle boot (1),~~ comprising:

[[ - ]] a substantially tubular body (2) ~~which extends~~ extending in a longitudinal direction (6) ~~and which is intended to be adjusted around said limb, and which has~~ having an aperture (8) ~~which extends~~ extending in the longitudinal direction, the aperture having a first edge on a first side of the aperture and a second edge on a second side of the aperture opposite the first side to form a spacing between the first and second edges;

[[ - ]] a rigid tongue (10) ~~which is intended to cover a front portion (22) of the body which extends~~ extending at one from a first side and the other to a second side of said aperture[[ , ]] to cover a front portion (22) of the tubular body; and

[[ - ]] a strap (12) ~~which extends~~ extending transversely to the longitudinal direction and between the first and second edges of the aperture, said strap being ~~connected~~ connectable to the tubular body at ~~one~~ the first side and the ~~other~~ second side

of the aperture in an adjustable manner in order to adjust the spacing between the edges of the aperture,

~~characterised in that wherein~~ said tongue ~~is carried by the strap on which it is mounted on an outside surface of the strap so as to slide~~ such that the tongue slides freely and such that the strap is sandwiched between the tongue and the tubular body, and

~~in that wherein~~ the tongue and the tubular body co-operate together ~~in order~~ to automatically centre the tongue relative to the aperture.

2. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that further comprising:~~

[[ - ]] ~~it further comprises~~ locking means (24, 26) provided between the strap and the tubular body,

wherein the locking means are ~~which have~~ configured to occupy an inactive position in which ~~they~~ the locking means allow the tongue to slide freely on the strap, and an active position in which ~~they~~ the locking means act counter to said sliding, and

[[ - ]] wherein the locking means are placed in ~~a~~ the active position when the tongue is pressed against said front ~~zone~~ portion.

3. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the locking

means comprise ~~[[ ]]~~ ~~[[ - ]]~~ grooves (24) ~~which are~~ provided in the strap, ~~and~~ ~~[[ - ]]~~ a catch (26) having a shape ~~which complements that configured to complement a shape of the grooves provided in the strap~~ in order to engage therein, said catch resiliently assuming ~~an~~ the inactive position in the absence of any external force and forming a protrusion relative to said tongue in ~~the~~ a direction of said front ~~zone~~ portion when ~~it~~ the catch is in ~~said~~ the inactive position.

4. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the catch is produced by moulding with the tongue.

5. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that:~~

wherein ~~[[ - ]]~~ the front portion has a non-circular cross-section, and

wherein ~~[[ - ]]~~ said tongue has a cross-sectional shape ~~which complements that~~ complementary to a cross-sectional shape of the front portion.

6. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said front portion has a substantially parabolic cross-section.

7. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the tongue comprises ~~two plastics~~ first and second plastic components (10a, 10b) which are assembled together, the second plastic component (10b) provided on the outside surface of the strap (12), and the first plastic component (10a) connected to the second plastic component (10b).

8. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the tubular body is formed by a rigid boot shell.

9. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~ further comprising:

at least ~~two~~ a second strap strap (12).

10. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that:~~

wherein [[-]] the front portion has a non-circular cross-section, and

wherein [[-]] said tongue has a cross-sectional shape ~~which complements that~~ complementary to a cross-sectional shape of the front portion.

11. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly  
according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that:~~

wherein [[-]] the front portion has a non-circular  
cross-section, and

wherein [[-]] said tongue has a cross-sectional shape  
~~which complements that~~ complementary to a cross-sectional shape  
of the front portion.

12. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly  
according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that:~~

wherein [[-]] the front portion has a non-circular  
cross-section, and

wherein [[-]] said tongue has a cross-sectional shape  
~~which complements that~~ complementary to a cross-sectional shape  
of the front portion.

13. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly  
according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the tongue  
comprises ~~two plastics~~ first and second plastic components (10a,  
10b) ~~which are assembled together, the second plastic component~~  
(10b) provided on the outside surface of the strap (12), and the  
first plastic component (10a) connected to the second plastic  
component (10b).

14. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the tongue comprises ~~two plastics~~ first and second plastic components (10a, 10b) ~~which are assembled together,~~ the second plastic component (10b) provided on the outside surface of the strap (12), and the first plastic component (10a) connected to the second plastic component (10b).

15. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the tongue comprises ~~two plastics~~ first and second plastic components (10a, 10b) ~~which are assembled together,~~ the second plastic component (10b) provided on the outside surface of the strap (12), and the first plastic component (10a) connected to the second plastic component (10b).

16. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the tongue comprises ~~two plastics~~ first and second plastic components (10a, 10b) ~~which are assembled together,~~ the second plastic component (10b) provided on the outside surface of the strap (12), and the first plastic component (10a) connected to the second plastic component (10b).

17. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the tongue comprises ~~two plastics~~ first and second plastic components (10a, 10b) ~~which are assembled together,~~ the second plastic component (10b) provided on the outside surface of the strap (12), and the first plastic component (10a) connected to the second plastic component (10b).

18. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the tubular body is formed by a rigid boot shell.

19. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the tubular body is formed by a rigid boot shell.

20. (currently amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the tubular body is formed by a rigid boot shell.